

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Assessing Duplication in the Farm Safety Net

Type of Report
(ERR, EIB, EB) EIB

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information
USDA [] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: This report addresses a recent interest in the potential for duplication and/or overlap among the programs of the US farm safety net and their possible implications. Debate on the upcoming 2012 Farm Bill takes place in the context of efforts to substantially reduce Federal expenditures, and policymakers face the challenge of identifying programs that may be cut and by how much. Understanding whether and in what ways farm programs may overlap can help determine how farm programs might be altered to reduce expenditures while maintaining a farm safety net that helps farmers mitigate the risks they face.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers
[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 08/08/11 End: XX/XX/XX Completed: XX/XX/XX

Number of Reviewers: [] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [] Designated Outside Organization
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [] Yes [X] No

